



## **Arlington to Participate in National Drug Take-Back Day**

The Arlington Youth Health and Safety Coalition (AYHSC), in collaboration with the Arlington Police Department, will participate in the National Drug Take-Back Day on April 26, 2014 by hosting a collection event at the Arlington Police Station. From 10AM to 2PM, police officials and Coalition volunteers will collect expired, unused, and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs from Arlington residents.

Proper disposal of medication is essential to the prevention of prescription drug abuse. AYHSC and the Arlington Police Department are committed to reducing the supply of unwanted medications in the community, especially medications with a strong potential for abuse. In addition to the risk of diversion, improper disposal of medications can cause significant harm to the environment. The Environmental Protection Agency discourages the flushing of medications, as well as the disposal of medications in household garbage due to their polluting effects in wastewater.

Please note: needles will not be accepted during the take-back event on April 26<sup>th</sup>.